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THE INFERNAL HULK



PARENTAL ADVISORY

BRILLIANT PHYSICIST DR. BRUCE BANNER AND HIS GAMMA-FUELED ALTER EGO, THE INCREDIBLE HULK, HAVE BEEN GRUESOMELY RIPPED APART. HULK'S BODY IS NOW THE VESSEL OF ELDEST, IMBUED WITH THE CORRUPTIVE POWER OF THE GREAT OLD ONES. THE MARVEL UNIVERSE MUST NOW CONTEND WITH ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING THREATS IT HAS EVER FACED...

THE INFERNAL HULK



**"WHATEVER HAPPENED
TO BRUCE BANNER?"**

LURED ONTO AN ANCIENT SUBTERRANEAN BATTLEGROUND BY A POSSESSED BETTY ROSS, BRUCE BANNER AND THE INCREDIBLE HULK WERE TORN APART BY THE ANCIENT BODY-SNATCHING EVIL KNOWN AS ELDEST. NOW THE INFERNAL HULK IS BUILDING AN ARMY OF MONSTERS SPANNING LAND AND SEA, AND BRUCE BANNER AND BETTY ROSS ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. DID THEY SURVIVE HULK'S RECKONING WITH ELDEST? IS THERE ANYTHING THEY CAN DO TO SAVE US FROM THE INFERNAL HULK? AND IF SO...WHERE ARE THEY?

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**IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH THOUGHTS OF SELF-HARM,
OR ARE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE, PLEASE
REACH OUT TO A COUNSELOR OR SOMEONE YOU TRUST OR
DIAL 988 FOR THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE.**

THREE MONTHS AGO.
THE REQUIEM PLAIN.

...BRUCE?

BRUCE...

...DON'T
LET ME...
FALL

→HUFF←

BETTY
→HUFF← H-HANG
ON!

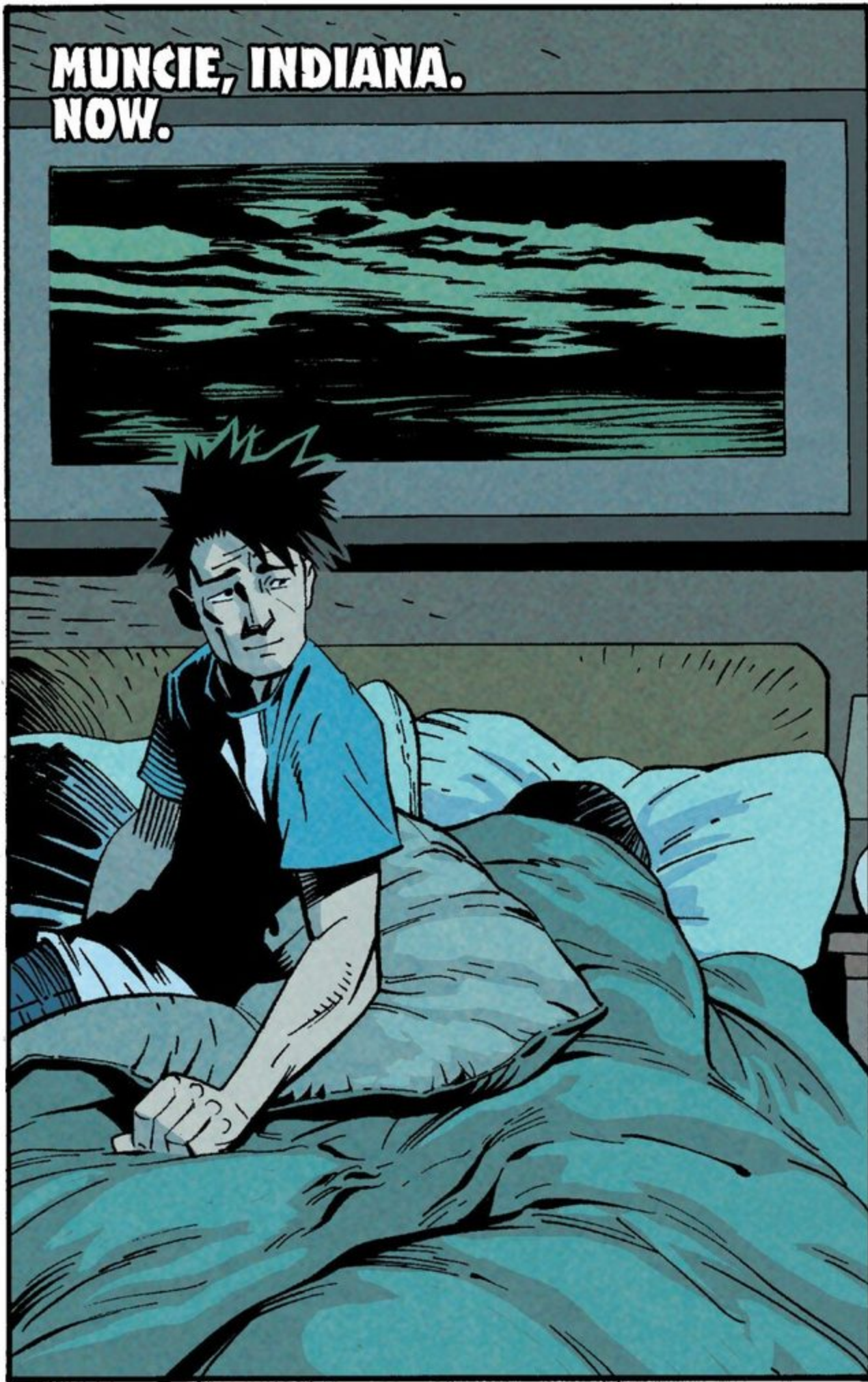
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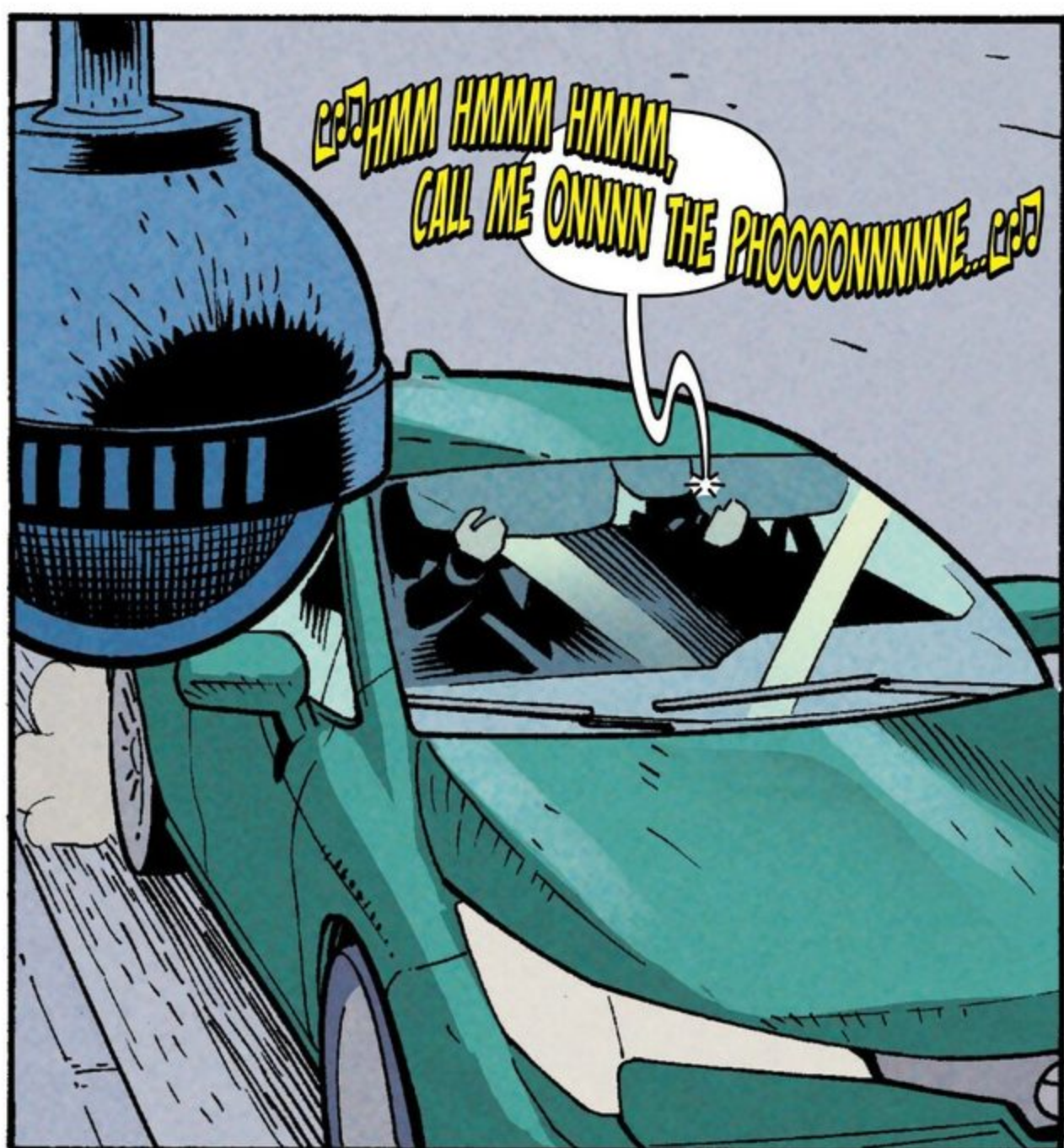
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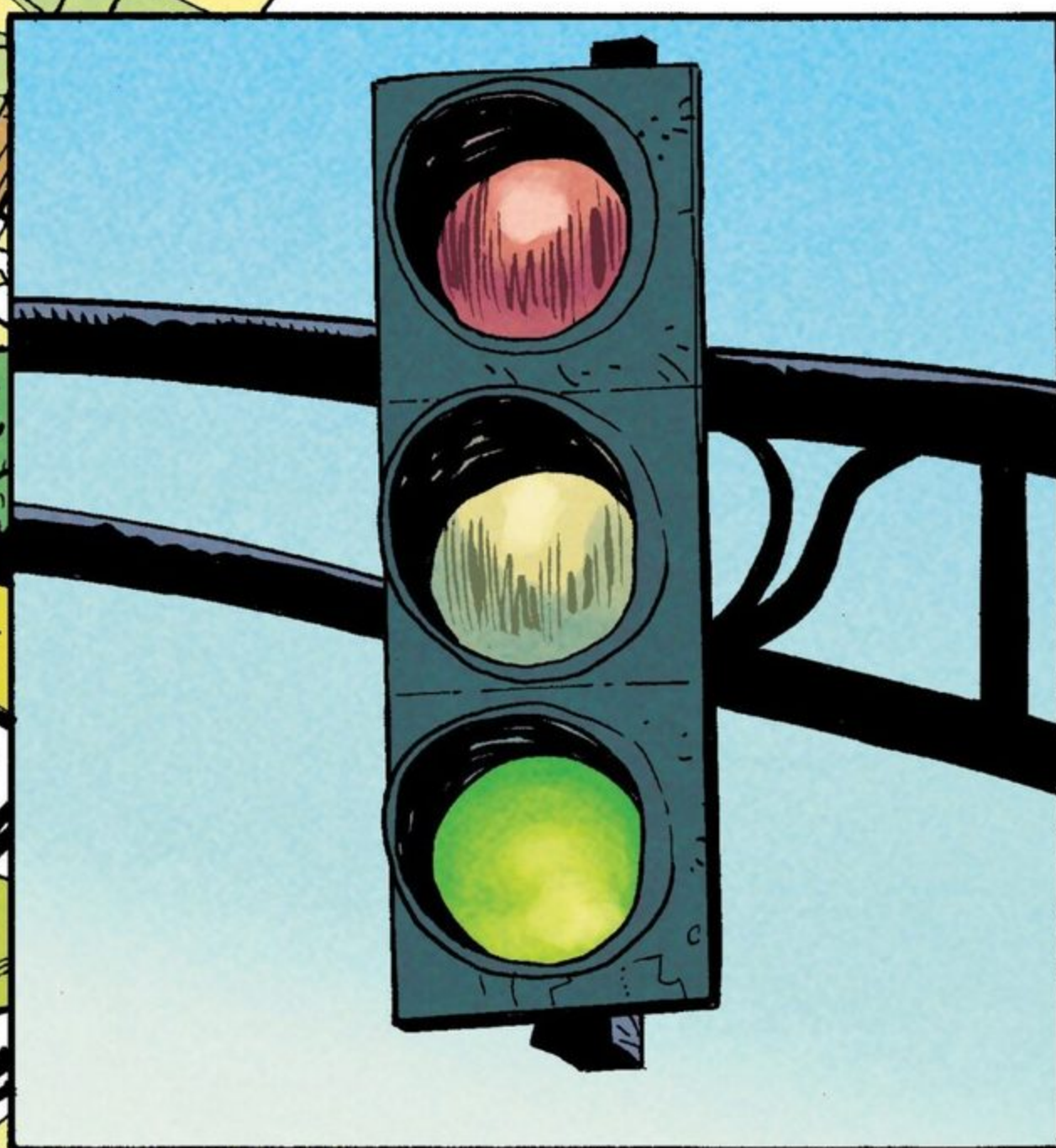
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♪TWEET TWEET CHIRP♪





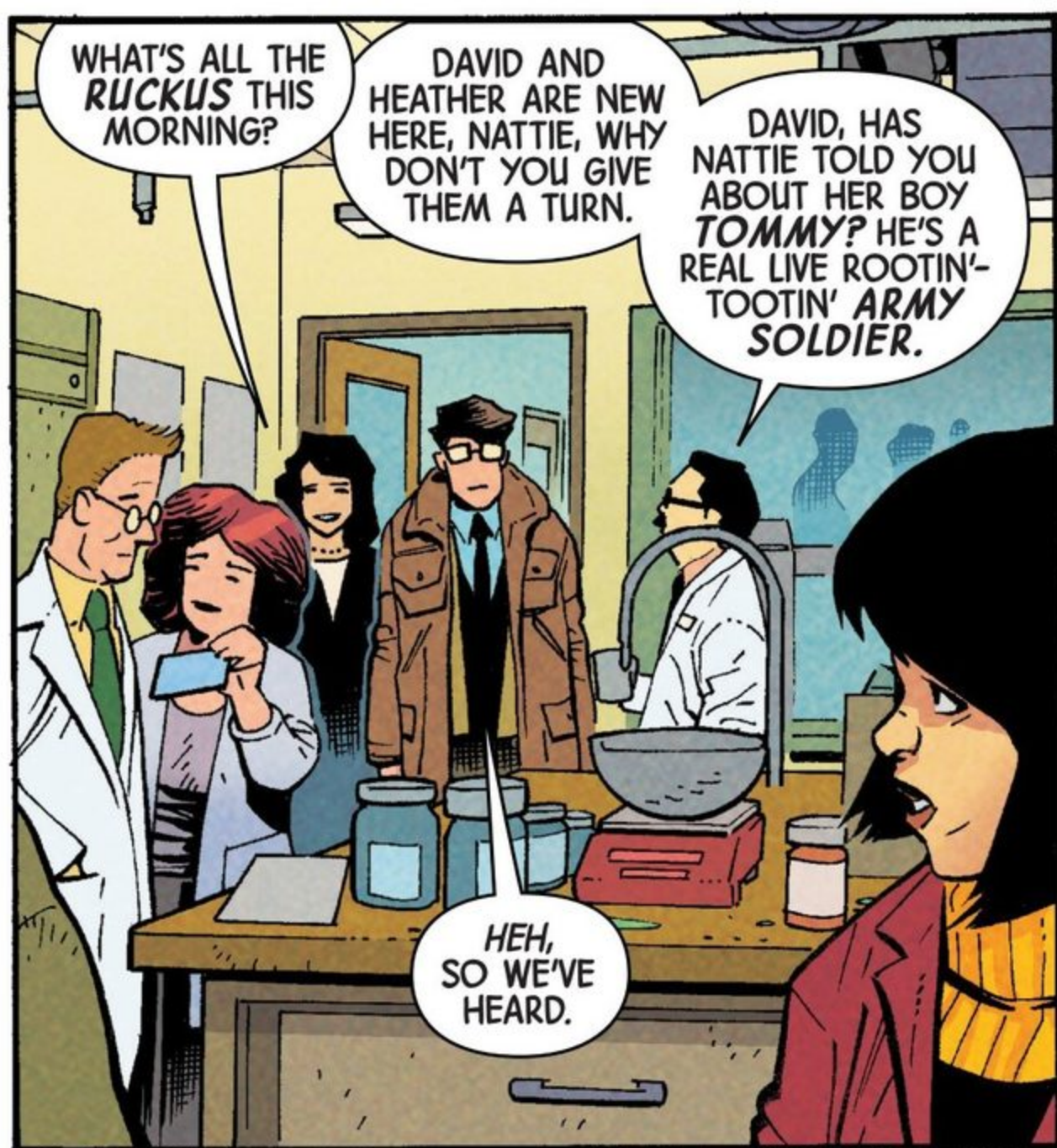






OH,
COME
ON.

YOU TELLING
ME HE'S NOT THE
HANDSOMEST, MOST
APPLE-PIE, BASEBALL,
ROCK-AND-ROLL THING
YOU'VE EVER
SEEN?

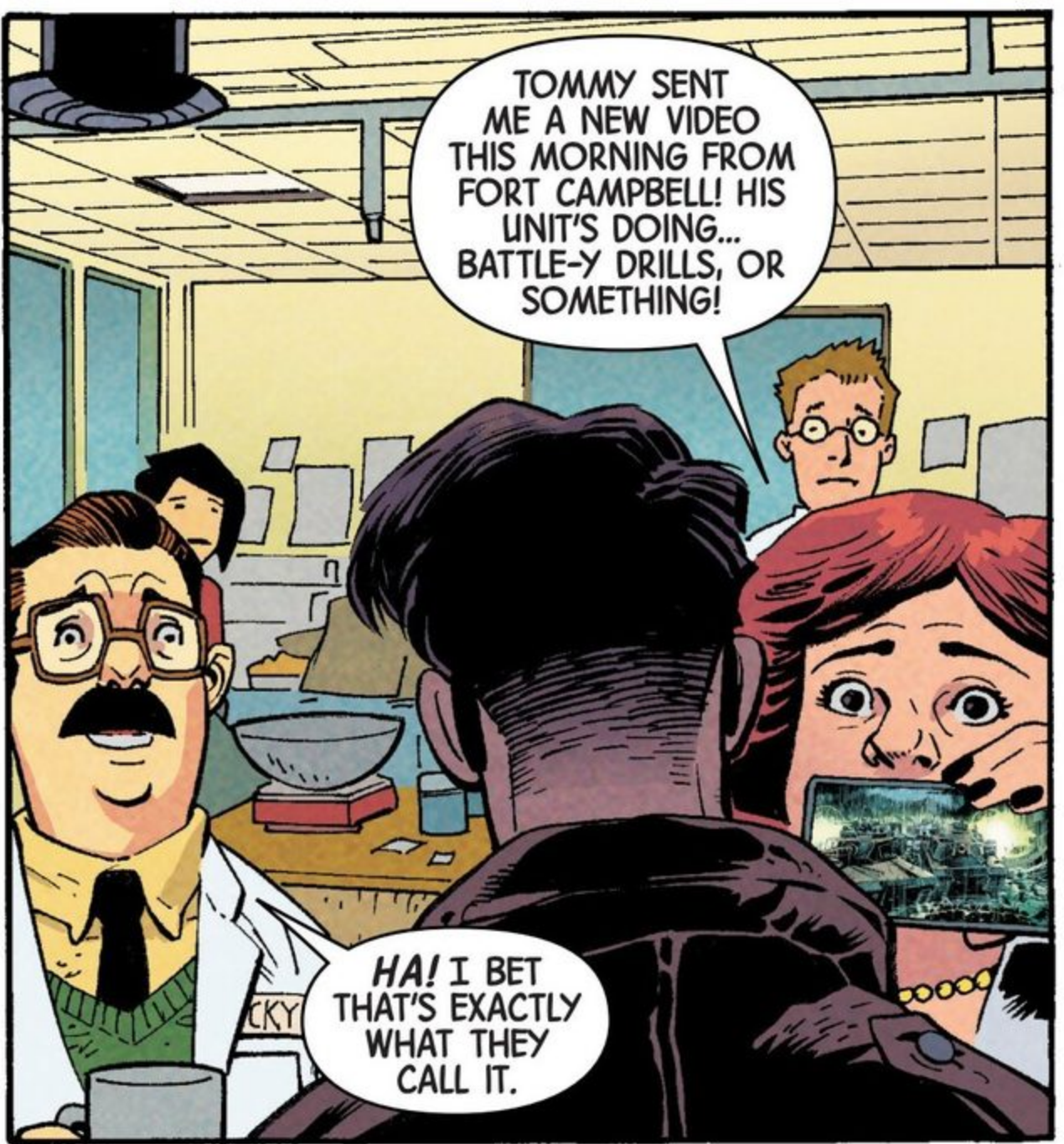


WHAT'S ALL THE
RUCKUS THIS
MORNING?

DAVID AND
HEATHER ARE NEW
HERE, NATTIE, WHY
DON'T YOU GIVE
THEM A TURN.

DAVID, HAS
NATTIE TOLD YOU
ABOUT HER BOY
TOMMY? HE'S A
REAL LIVE ROOTIN'-
TOOTIN' **ARMY**
SOLDIER.

HEH,
SO WE'VE
HEARD.



TOMMY SENT
ME A NEW VIDEO
THIS MORNING FROM
FORT CAMPBELL! HIS
UNIT'S DOING...
BATTLE-Y DRILLS, OR
SOMETHING!

HA! I BET
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT THEY
CALL IT.



WHAT? AM I SUPPOSED TO
PRETEND MY **TOMMY**'S NOT
THE NEXT CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

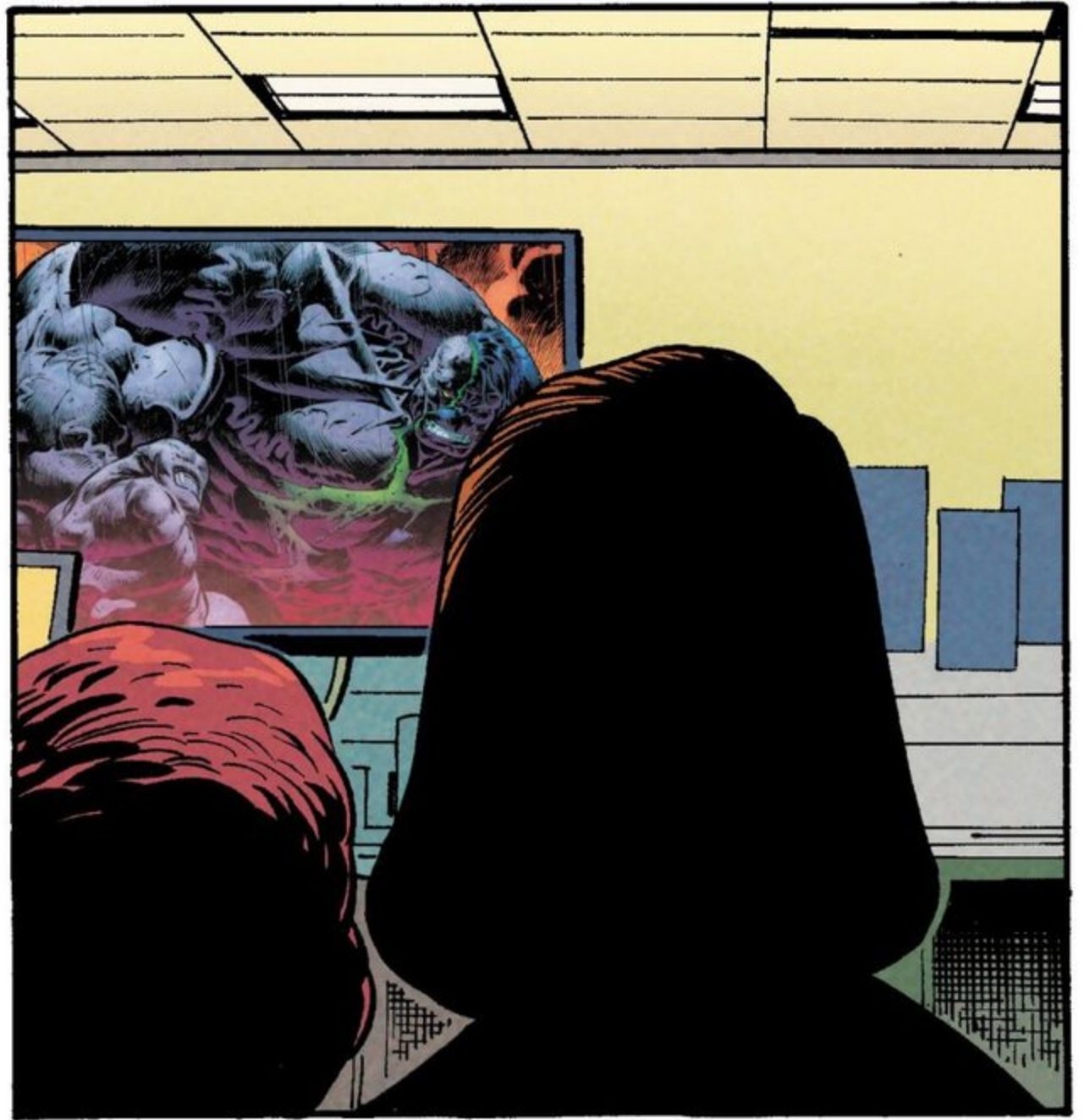
THEY'RE JUST
JEALOUS, NATTIE.
SHOW ME YOUR
HANDSOME SON'S
VIDEO, PLEASE.



HEATHER'S THE SMART
ONE, HUH? FIRST MONTH
HERE, ALREADY GETTING
IN GOOD WITH H.R.

SHE'S NOT
FAKING, RICKY.
SHE CARES ABOUT
PEOPLE.

SHE'S
JUST THE
BEST.





LET ME
TAKE YOU HOME.
I'LL SAY YOU
GOT SICK.

NO. I'M
FINE. THAT WAS
JUST THE FIRST
TIME I'VE SEEN
ELDEST SINCE...
EVERYTHING.

IT DOESN'T
CONTROL ME
ANYMORE.



"IT CAN'T
HURT ME."

WE HAVE
TO BE CAREFUL
HERE, "HEATHER."
THESE PEOPLE CAN
NEVER KNOW
WHO WE
ARE.

I KNOW IT'S NOT PERFECT,
BUT WE FINALLY HAVE A
CHANCE AT A **LIFE** HERE. A
HOUSE, FRIENDS, JOBS WHERE
PEOPLE DON'T
GET HURT.

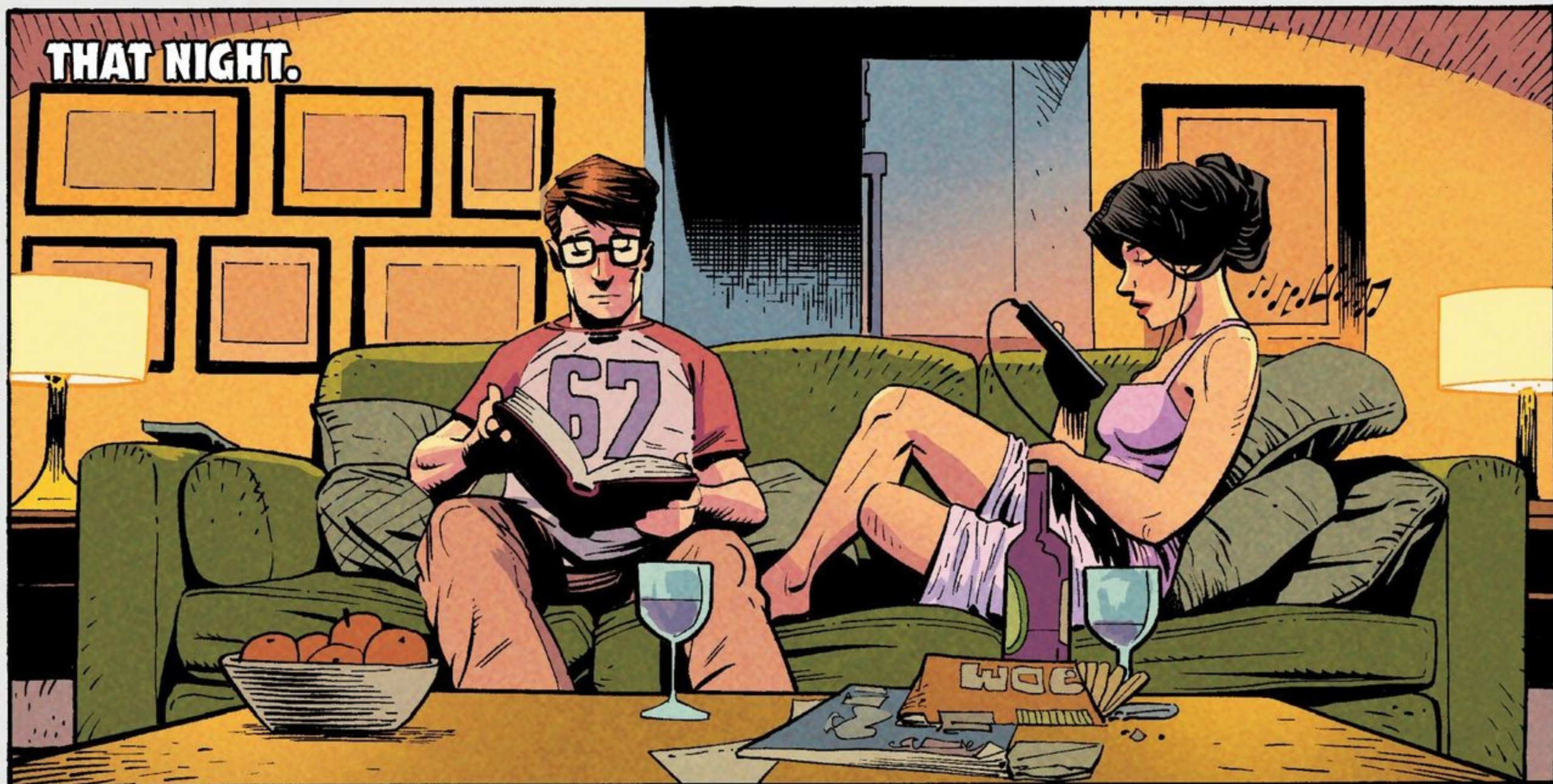
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SAFE
HERE.

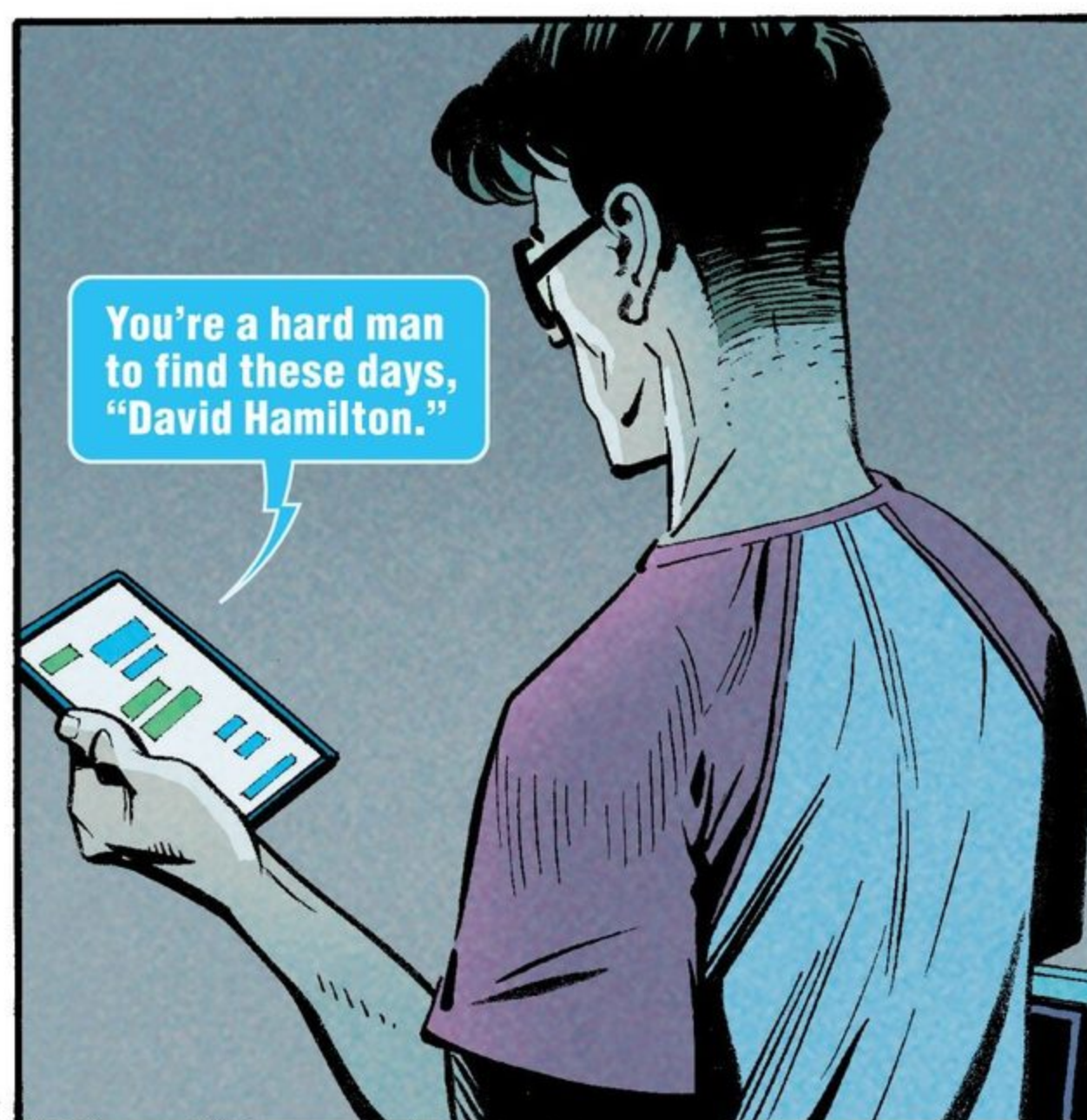
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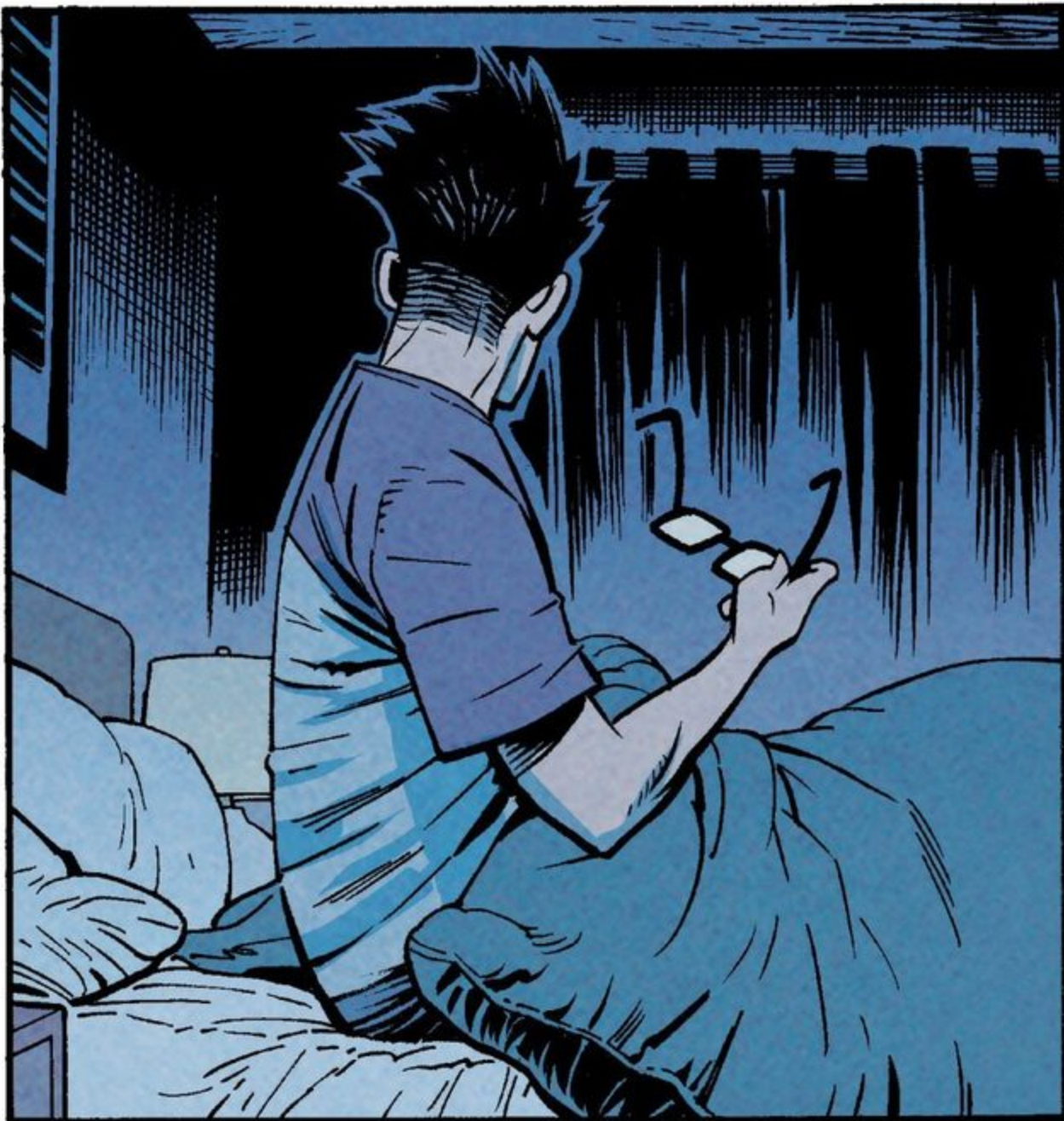
YES,
DEAR.







HOURS LATER.



I...I
COULDN'T...



...I
COULDN'T
OPEN THE ICE
CREAM.



BETTY?

BETTY,
WHAT HAVE
YOU--

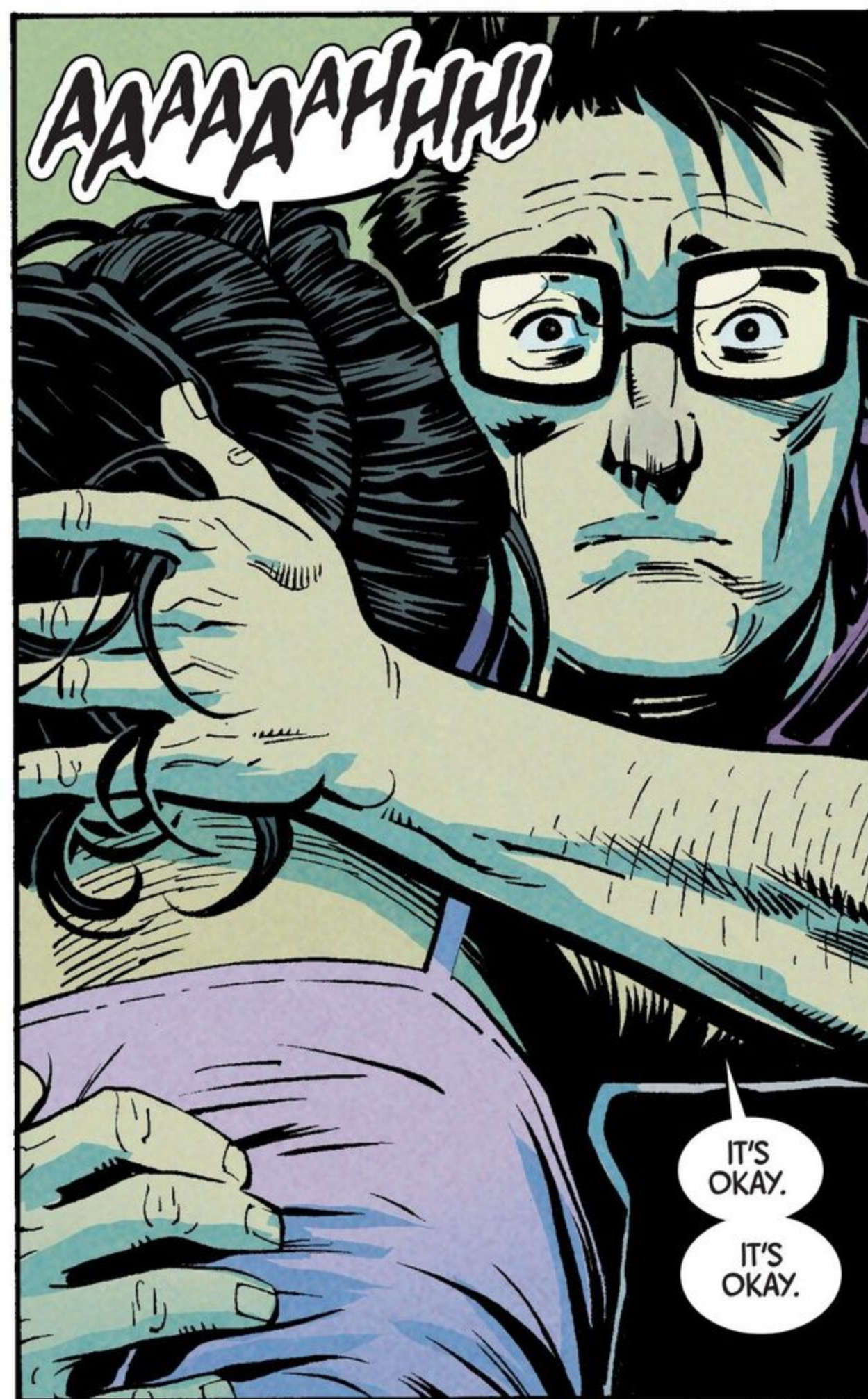
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BACK.

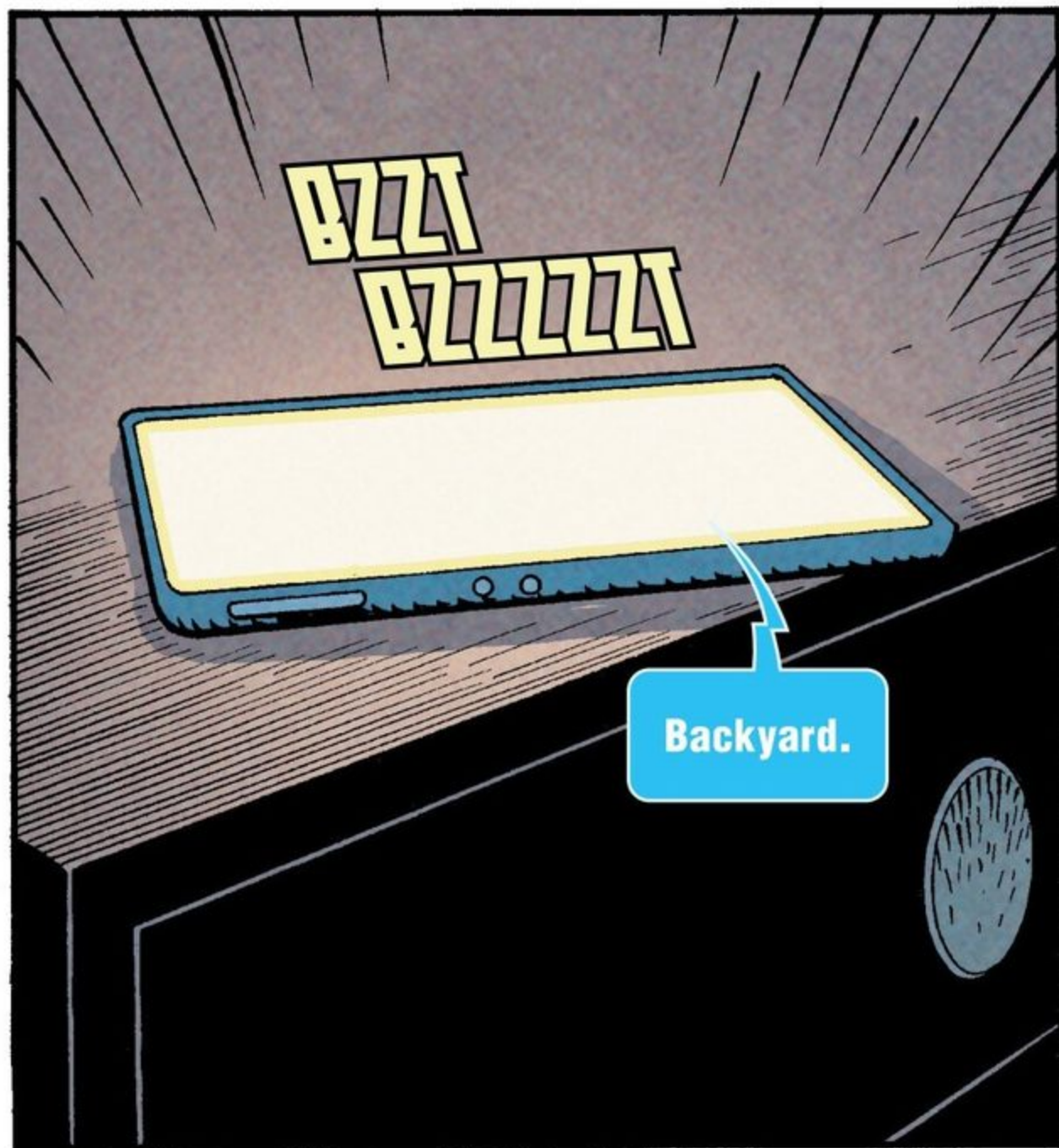


STAY...

...BACK.









WE DON'T
HAVE THE LUXURY
OF GOOD MANNERS
RIGHT NOW,
BRUCE.

HOW'S
BETTY?



TONY...REED...
DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA THE **DANGER**
YOU'RE PUTTING
US IN?

THE **LENGTHS**
WE GO TO JUST
TO LIVE HERE?

THIS IS
YOUR MESS,
BRUCE.

THIS NEW
HULK IS TAKING
OUT AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS. MILITARY
BASES. YOU ARE
NEEDED.



BRUCE...IS THIS
YOUR HULK, OR
SOMETHING NEW?
HOW ARE YOU
ALIVE?

HOW
ARE YOU...
NORMAL?



HULK HAS A NEW "ALTER."

THIS ONE CAME FROM OUTSIDE OF US. THE ESSENCE OF AN OLD GOD... SOME KIND OF **CORRUPTIVE SEED**...

IT SPLIT HULK AND ME APART.



"THERE'S A HUGE CAVE SYSTEM UNDER THE NEVADA DESERT. HALFWAY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH. ELDEST CALLED IT THE **REQUIEM PLAIN**."

"THERE ARE ANCIENT **RUINS** DOWN THERE...FOSSILIZED OLD GODS...**WEAPONS** THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MAGICAL ONCE."



"HULK'S SON **SKAAR** WAS DOWN THERE. HE'S THE ONLY REASON WE MADE IT OUT."

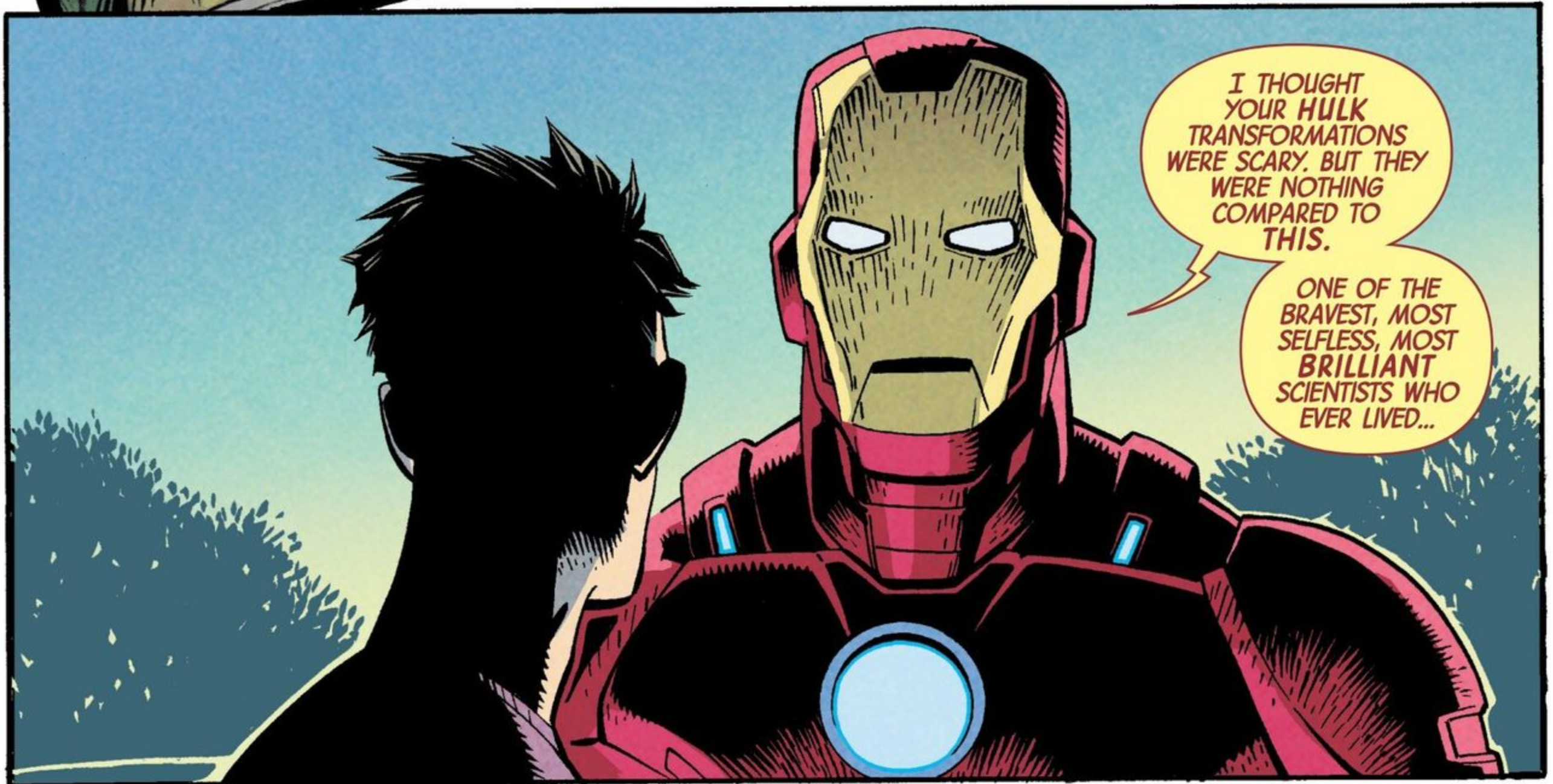
"AFTER HE GOT US TO THE SURFACE, HE WENT BACK DOWN THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHY."



LOOK FOR THE **REQUIEM PLAIN**. MAYBE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING, OR SOMEONE, THAT CAN HELP YOU.

THAT'S ALL THE HELP I CAN GIVE. NOW PLEASE, LEAVE BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES Y--

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO IF WE DON'T, BRUCE?



I THOUGHT YOUR **HULK** TRANSFORMATIONS WERE SCARY. BUT THEY WERE NOTHING COMPARED TO THIS.

ONE OF THE BRAVEST, MOST SELFLESS, MOST **BRILLIANT** SCIENTISTS WHO EVER LIVED...

"...TRANSFORMED
INTO A SNIVELING
COWARD.

"SO ENAMORED WITH YOUR
TIDY, COMFORTABLE LITTLE
LIFE THAT YOU'LL HIDE BEHIND
YOUR WHITE PICKET FENCE WHILE
THE REST OF THE WORLD BURNS.

"WHAT DID ELDEST DO
TO YOU, BRUCE? DID IT
RIP OUT YOUR HEART?
YOUR SPINE?"

"WHAT DID IT
DO TO MAKE YOU
SO SMALL?"

TONY.

IT MUST BE CONFUSING
FOR YOU, TONY. SEEING
SOMEONE **CHOOSE** A
NORMAL LIFE. A 9-TO-5
JOB. A LITTLE HOUSE
WITH NO GARAGE.

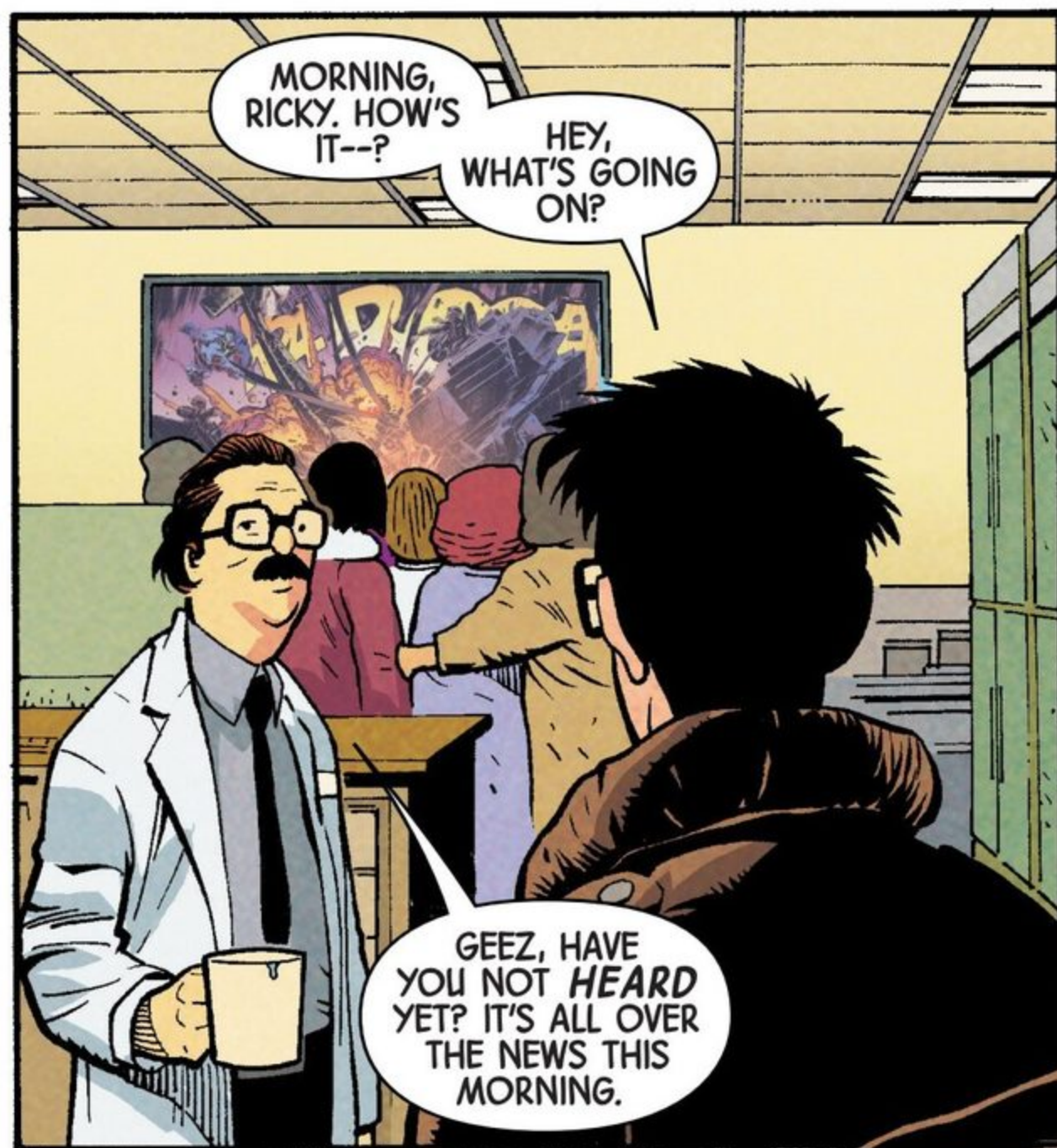
YOU THINK
I'M A **COWARD**
FOR WANTING
THIS? FINE.

I'VE
EARNED A LITTLE
COWARDICE.



"I DON'T OWE
YOU A DAMN THING."

Garden



MORNING,
RICKY. HOW'S
IT--?

HEY,
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

GEEZ, HAVE
YOU NOT **HEARD**
YET? IT'S ALL OVER
THE NEWS THIS
MORNING.



HULK AND
HIS MONSTERS
JUST HIT A U.S.
MILITARY
BASE.

THERE'S,
LIKE...NOTHING
LEFT.

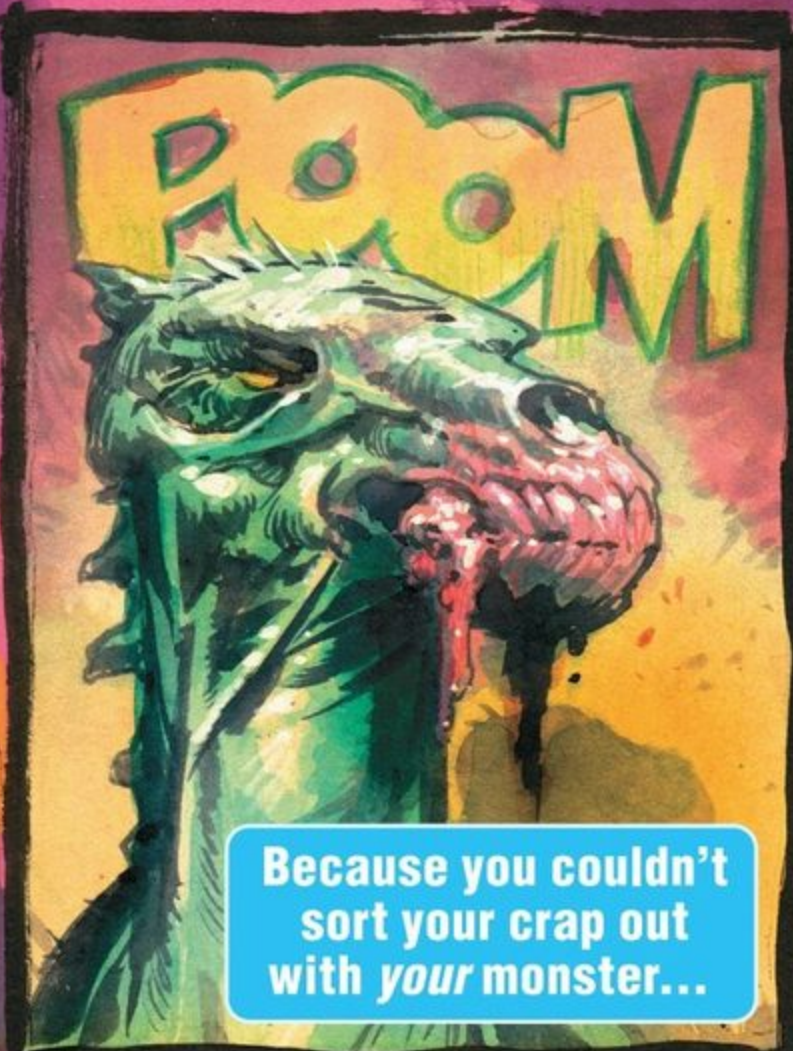


IT'S THE
BASE WHERE
NATTIE'S SON
TOMMY IS
STATIONED.

I hope to God the *real*
Hulk is still in there
somewhere, Bruce.



You might not have
asked for this. But you
did create this thing.



POOM

Because you couldn't
sort your crap out
with *your* monster...



POOM

...now it's
everyone's
monster.



And if *your* Hulk
really is gone...

...we are
truly doomed.

NEXT: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE INCREDIBLE HULK?

SPIDERS & SYMBIOTES

THE LOWE-DOWN

HEY, WEB-HEADS!

It's cold outside, but things are hotter than ever in the Spider-Office! Worlds collide in **PLANET OF THE APES VS. FANTASTIC FOUR**, where **JOSH TRUJILLO** and **ANDREA DI VITO** bring the First Family into the unknown--but it's an unknown that WE know (and love) very well! Add a new **PREDATOR** mini called **BLOODSHED** by **JORDAN MORRIS** and **RUAIRÍ COLEMAN** to fill the *Badlands*-shaped hole in my heart? SIGN ME UP! **G. WILLOW WILSON** and **GLEB MELNIKOV** kick off the bombastic second arc of **BLACK CAT**, where Felicia is reunited with MARY JANE and doesn't know that MJ's also VENOM!!! And because Venom can't stand still, this month starts

one of the biggest Spider-Stories ever with **ASM/VENOM: DEATH SPIRAL #1**! Spidey, Venom, and Carnage come crashing back together in what feels like a culmination of the story that started in ASM #300! Glad I wore layers today because I'm sweating in this heat!

Keep Thwippin',
Nick Lowe
Spider-Editor

DEATH SPIRAL

NEED YOUR SPIDER-FIX WHILE YOU WAIT FOR NEXT ISSUE?

THWIP-LIST

ALL-NEW SPIDER-GWEN: THE GHOST-SPIDER #7



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- PLANET OF THE APES VS. FANTASTIC FOUR #1
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: TORN #5
- BLACK CAT #7
- PLANET SHE-HULK #4
- SPIDER-MAN NOIR #5
- VENOM #254
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #22
- DUNGEONS OF DOOM #2
- KNULL #2
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN/VENOM: DEATH SPIRAL #1



- HULK: SMASH EVERYTHING #3
- INFERNAL HULK #4
- MARVEL KNIGHTS: PUNISHER #4
- PREDATOR: BLOODSHED #1

THIS MONTH'S HOST



NAME: Phillip Kennedy Johnson

TITLE: Writer

WORKS ON:
THE INCREDIBLE HULK,
DUNGEONS OF DOOM

WHO IS YOUR IRL SUPER HERO?

Joe Kubert, Jim Henson, Dizzy Gillespie. Artists who devoted their lives to art and to education, both sacred professions.

WHICH SPIDER-MAN VILLAIN DO YOU MOST RESONATE WITH?

The Lizard! In trying to make himself better, he loses his own humanity and ends up practically destroying himself. I get it, bro.

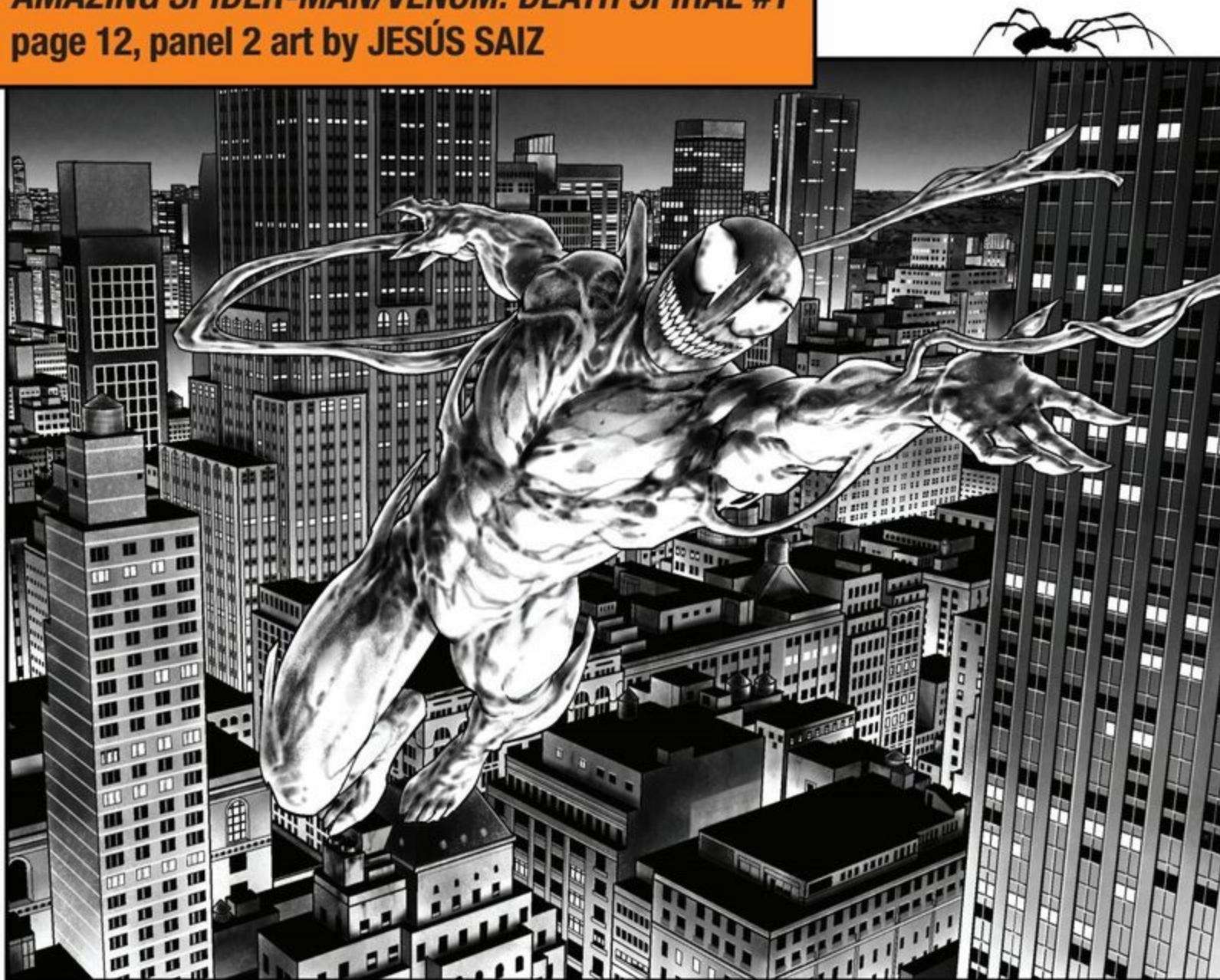
IF YOU COULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Visualize exactly who you want to be, dedicate some time every day toward those goals, and don't let short-term crises pull you off the path. Your habits are who you are.

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PANEL OF THE MONTH:

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN/VENOM: DEATH SPIRAL #1
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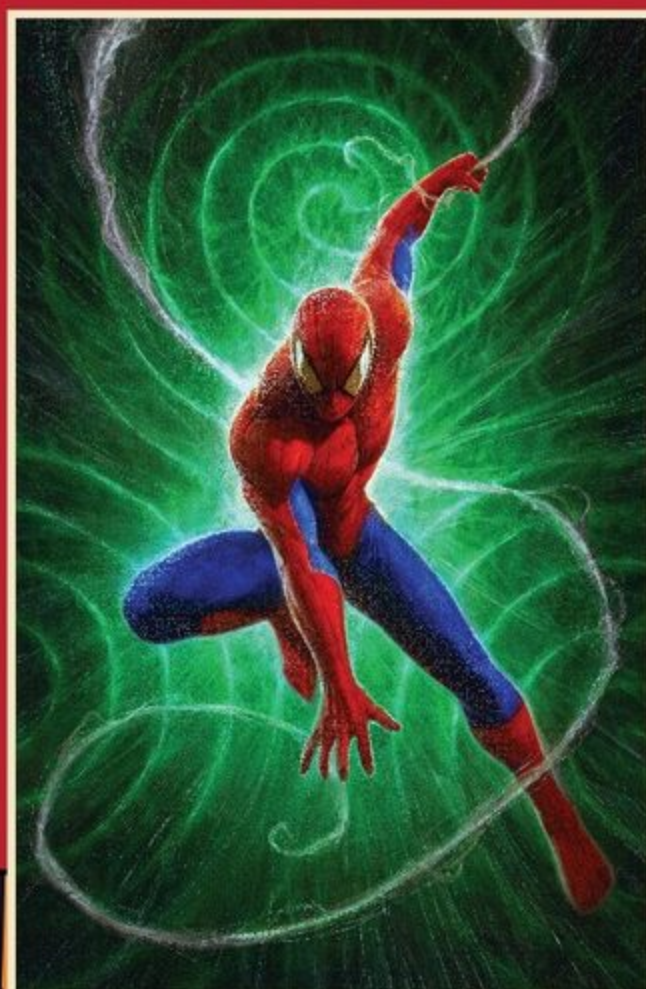


EDGE OF THE VARIANT-VERSE

We in the Spider-Office are no stranger to variants--we've got a Spider-Verse full of 'em. It's hard to narrow it down, but check out our favorite variant cover of the month.

**AMAZING SPIDER-MAN/VENOM:
DEATH SPIRAL #1**

Variant Covers by SKAN,
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GAMMA CORNER

IS HE SPIDER, OR IS
HE SYMBIOTE...OR
IS HE NEITHER?

It's a battle with the past this month as lots of things come back to haunt our Hulks! In **INFERNAL HULK #4**, Hulk takes it a little too literally as he wrestles with all his past personas deep in the Hulscape!

Meanwhile, in **PLANET SHE-HULK #4** out in space, his cousin She-Hulk is throwing down with her ex(?)-boyfriend Jack of Hearts! They used to be so happy!

What could suck more than that, you ask? How about fighting a LITERAL BLACK HOLE? Which is what Hulk is doing in **HULK: SMASH EVERYTHING #3**!



HULK: SMASH EVERYTHING #3
On sale 2/25

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